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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oct. 27, 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required:

The specification as filed does not have support for the recitation of claims 11,12 and 14 respectively "***the third scanning direction and the first scanning direction are opposite***", "***the first scanning direction and the second scanning direction are opposite***" and "***the third scanning direction and the first scanning direction are opposite***".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over of Kim (2006/0055645).

As to claim 1, kim discloses a display panel comprising: a first scanning band (fig.1 (100A)), a third band (fig.1 (100B)), a second scanning band (fig.1 (100C)), and

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each scanning band including a plurality of parallel scanning lines; a plurality of parallel data lines extending across the first scanning band, a second scanning band and a third scanning band (fig.1 Plurality of scanning lines (G1..Gm), plurality of data lines (D1...DN)), and the scanning lines being perpendicular to each other, each of the data lines including a disconnecting point positioned in the third scanning band (see, [0036], fig.1 dotted line in 100B, also see fig. 2 (the disconnecting point in the third scanning band), and a plurality of pixel units (fig.3), each pixel unit being positioned around an intersection point of one scanning line and one data line and being electrically controlled by both the scanning line and the data line (figs.1 and 3).

As to claim 2, **Kim** discloses a first data driver (fig.1 (210) and a second data driver (fig.1 (220)), and the first data driver and the second data driver are electrically connected with the data lines for inputting image data into each pixel unit (see, fig.1 (D1...Dn) electrically connected with (C1...Cn)).

In respect to claim 3, **Kim** discloses a signal supplier for supplying each pixel unit with the image data (fig.1 (500)).

In respect to claim 4, **Kim** also discloses a memory for storing the image data supplied by the signal supplier, with the stored image data being further outputted from the memory into the first data driver and the second data driver (fig.1 (410,430)).

As to claim 5, **Kim** further a gate driver for applying scanning signals to the scanning lines of each scanning band (fig.1 (300)).

As to claim 6, Kim also teaches that the first data driver and the second data driver respectively input the image data into each pixel unit positioned in the first scanning band and the second scanning band, the gate driver applies a first scanning signal to the scanning lines of the first scanning band in sequence according to a first scanning direction so as to enable the pixel unit electrically controlled by each scanning line of the first scanning band to accept a corresponding image data, and the first scanning signal is simultaneously applied to the scanning lines of the second scanning band in sequence according to a second scanning direction so as to enable the pixel unit electrically controlled by each scanning line of the second scanning band to accept a corresponding image data ([0019], fig.4).

As to claim 7, **Kim** also teaches that the first data driver and the second data driver input the image data into each pixel unit positioned in the third scanning band, the gate driver applies a second scanning signal to the scanning lines of the third scanning band in sequence according to a third scanning direction (see,[0046]).

In regard to 8, **Kim** disclose that the first data driver and the second data driver input the same image data into the third scanning band ([0038] [0046],[0047]).

As to claims 9-14, **Kim** did not explicitly teach the direction of scanning. However, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to select any direction of scanning since this merely a matter of individual choice.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amare Mengistu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7674. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F,M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-3639. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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